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s/ Daryl Olszewski

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Eastern District of Wisconsin

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Eastern District of WisconsinIn the Matter of the Search of
(Briefly describe the property to be searched
or identify the person by name and address)INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH FACEBOOK
ACCOUNT "Tyrone T-y Bryant," USER ID
1019967543990

Case No. 20 MJ 164

APPLICATION FOR A WARRANT BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER RELIABLE ELECTRONIC MEANS

I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that on the following person or property (identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location):

Please see Attachment A

located in the Eastern District of Wisconsin, there is now concealed (identify the person or describe the property to be seized):

Please see Attachment B

The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is (check one or more):

- ☒ evidence of a crime;
- ☐ contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;
- ☐ property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;
- ☐ a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

The search is related to a violation of:

Code Section	Offense Description
Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1)	Distribution of controlled substances

The application is based on these facts:

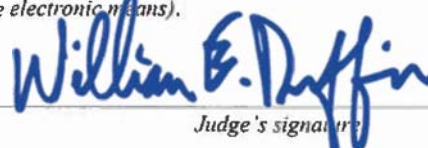
Please see attached affidavit

☐ Continued on the attached sheet.☒ Delayed notice of 30 days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days: _____) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.

Applicant's signature

Deputy U.S. Marshal Robert Bressers

Printed name and title

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by
email and telephone (specify reliable electronic means).Date: August 5, 2020City and state: Milwaukee, WI

Judge's signature

United States Magistrate Judge William E. Duffin

Printed name and title

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH OF
INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH
FACEBOOK ACCOUNT “Tyrone T-y
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STORED AT PREMISES CONTROLLED
BY FACEBOOK INC.

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**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
AN APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT**

I, Robert S. Bressers, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND

1. I make this affidavit in support of an application for a search warrant for information associated with a certain Facebook user ID that is stored at premises owned, maintained, controlled, or operated by Facebook Inc. (“Facebook”), a social networking company headquartered in Menlo Park, California. The information to be searched is described in the following paragraphs and in Attachment A. This affidavit is made in support of an application for a search warrant under 18 U.S.C. §§ 2703(a), 2703(b)(1)(A) and 2703(c)(1)(A) to require Facebook to disclose to the government records and other information in its possession, pertaining to the subscriber or customer associated with the user ID.

2. I am a Deputy with the United States Marshals Service and have been employed with the Agency since 03/03/2010. One of my primary duties is to investigate and arrest State and Federal Fugitives. I have obtained my Criminal Investigator Certification at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia. Before my training at FLETC I received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. I have had previous experiences using the social media site of Facebook in order to locate and

apprehend Fugitives from Justice. I am an investigator or law enforcement officer of the United States within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. Section 2510(7), in that I am empowered by law to conduct investigations.

3. The facts in this affidavit come from my personal observations, my training and experience, and information obtained from other agents and witnesses. This affidavit is intended to show merely that there is sufficient probable cause for the requested warrant and does not set forth all of my knowledge about this matter.

4. Based on my training and experience and the facts as set forth in this affidavit, there is probable cause to believe that Tyrone Bryant (dob 5/18/1991) (“BRYANT”) violated Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841 and 846 (distribution of controlled substances and conspiracy to do the same). There is also probable cause to search the information described in Attachment A for evidence of these crimes and contraband or fruits of these crimes, as described in Attachment B.

FACEBOOK FUNCTIONALITY

5. Facebook owns and operates a free-access social networking website of the same name that can be accessed at <http://www.facebook.com>. Facebook allows its users to establish accounts with Facebook, and users can then use their accounts to share written news, photographs, videos, and other information with other Facebook users, and sometimes with the general public.

6. Facebook asks users to provide basic contact and personal identifying information to Facebook, either during the registration process or thereafter. This information may include the user’s full name, birth date, gender, contact e-mail addresses, Facebook passwords, physical

address (including city, state, and zip code), telephone numbers, screen names, websites, and other personal identifiers. Facebook also assigns a user identification number to each account.

7. Facebook users may join one or more groups or networks to connect and interact with other users who are members of the same group or network. Facebook assigns a group identification number to each group. A Facebook user can also connect directly with individual Facebook users by sending each user a “Friend Request.” If the recipient of a “Friend Request” accepts the request, then the two users will become “Friends” for purposes of Facebook and can exchange communications or view information about each other. Each Facebook user’s account includes a list of that user’s “Friends” and a “News Feed,” which highlights information about the user’s “Friends,” such as profile changes, upcoming events, and birthdays.

8. Facebook users can select different levels of privacy for the communications and information associated with their Facebook accounts. By adjusting these privacy settings, a Facebook user can make information available only to himself or herself, to particular Facebook users, or to anyone with access to the Internet, including people who are not Facebook users. A Facebook user can also create “lists” of Facebook friends to facilitate the application of these privacy settings. Facebook accounts also include other account settings that users can adjust to control, for example, the types of notifications they receive from Facebook.

9. Facebook users can create profiles that include photographs, lists of personal interests, and other information. Facebook users can also post “status” updates about their whereabouts and actions, as well as links to videos, photographs, articles, and other items available elsewhere on the Internet. Facebook users can also post information about upcoming “events,” such as social occasions, by listing the event’s time, location, host, and guest list. In addition, Facebook users can “check in” to particular locations or add their geographic locations

to their Facebook posts, thereby revealing their geographic locations at particular dates and times. A particular user's profile page also includes a "Wall," which is a space where the user and his or her "Friends" can post messages, attachments, and links that will typically be visible to anyone who can view the user's profile.

10. Facebook allows users to upload photos and videos, which may include any metadata such as location that the user transmitted when s/he uploaded the photo or video. It also provides users the ability to "tag" (i.e., label) other Facebook users in a photo or video. When a user is tagged in a photo or video, he or she receives a notification of the tag and a link to see the photo or video. For Facebook's purposes, the photos and videos associated with a user's account will include all photos and videos uploaded by that user that have not been deleted, as well as all photos and videos uploaded by any user that have that user tagged in them.

11. Facebook users can exchange private messages on Facebook with other users. Those messages are stored by Facebook unless deleted by the user. Facebook users can also post comments on the Facebook profiles of other users or on their own profiles; such comments are typically associated with a specific posting or item on the profile. In addition, Facebook has a chat feature that allows users to send and receive instant messages through Facebook Messenger. These chat communications are stored in the chat history for the account. Facebook also has Video and Voice Calling features, and although Facebook does not record the calls themselves, it does keep records of the date of each call.

12. If a Facebook user does not want to interact with another user on Facebook, the first user can "block" the second user from seeing his or her account.

13. Facebook has a "like" feature that allows users to give positive feedback or connect to particular pages. Facebook users can "like" Facebook posts or updates, as well as

webpages or content on third-party (*i.e.*, non-Facebook) websites. Facebook users can also become “fans” of particular Facebook pages.

14. Facebook has a search function that enables its users to search Facebook for keywords, usernames, or pages, among other things.

15. Each Facebook account has an activity log, which is a list of the user’s posts and other Facebook activities from the inception of the account to the present. The activity log includes stories and photos that the user has been tagged in, as well as connections made through the account, such as “liking” a Facebook page or adding someone as a friend. The activity log is visible to the user but cannot be viewed by people who visit the user’s Facebook page.

16. Facebook also has a Marketplace feature, which allows users to post free classified ads. Users can post items for sale, housing, jobs, and other items on the Marketplace.

17. In addition to the applications described above, Facebook also provides its users with access to thousands of other applications (“apps”) on the Facebook platform. When a Facebook user accesses or uses one of these applications, an update about that the user’s access or use of that application may appear on the user’s profile page.

18. Facebook also retains Internet Protocol (“IP”) logs for a given user ID or IP address. These logs may contain information about the actions taken by the user ID or IP address on Facebook, including information about the type of action, the date and time of the action, and the user ID and IP address associated with the action. For example, if a user views a Facebook profile, that user’s IP log would reflect the fact that the user viewed the profile, and would show when and from what IP address the user did so.

19. Facebook further maintains a functionality it refers to as “Stories,” whereby users can post photos and videos using Facebook’s “in app” camera, frequently utilizing filters and

additional text. After a user “posts” a “Story,” the “Story” will be available to their “friends” for a 24-hour period, appearing at the top of their “News Feed” in the application.

20. Social networking providers like Facebook typically retain additional information about their users’ accounts, such as information about the length of service (including start date), the types of service utilized, and the means and source of any payments associated with the service (including any credit card or bank account number). In some cases, Facebook users may communicate directly with Facebook about issues relating to their accounts, such as technical problems, billing inquiries, or complaints from other users. Social networking providers like Facebook typically retain records about such communications, including records of contacts between the user and the provider’s support services, as well as records of any actions taken by the provider or user as a result of the communications.

21. As explained herein, information stored in connection with a Facebook account may provide crucial evidence of the “who, what, why, when, where, and how” of the criminal conduct under investigation, thus enabling the United States to establish and prove each element or alternatively, to exclude the innocent from further suspicion. In my training and experience, a Facebook user’s IP log, stored electronic communications, and other data retained by Facebook, can indicate who has used or controlled the Facebook account. This “user attribution” evidence is analogous to the search for “indicia of occupancy” while executing a search warrant at a residence. For example, profile contact information, private messaging logs, status updates, and tagged photos (and the data associated with the foregoing, such as date and time) may be evidence of who used or controlled the Facebook account at a relevant time. Further, Facebook account activity can show how and when the account was accessed or used. For example, as described herein, Facebook logs the Internet Protocol (IP) addresses from which users access

their accounts along with the time and date. By determining the physical location associated with the logged IP addresses, investigators can understand the chronological and geographic context of the account access and use relating to the crime under investigation. Such information allows investigators to understand the geographic and chronological context of Facebook access, use, and events relating to the crime under investigation. Additionally, Facebook builds geo-location into some of its services. Geo-location allows, for example, users to “tag” their location in posts and Facebook “friends” to locate each other. This geographic and timeline information may tend to either inculcate or exculpate the Facebook account owner. Last, Facebook account activity may provide relevant insight into the Facebook account owner’s state of mind as it relates to the offense under investigation. For example, information on the Facebook account may indicate the owner’s motive and intent to commit a crime (e.g., information indicating a plan to commit a crime), or consciousness of guilt (e.g., deleting account information in an effort to conceal evidence from law enforcement).

22. Therefore, the computers of Facebook are likely to contain all the material described above, including stored electronic communications and information concerning subscribers and their use of Facebook, such as account access information, transaction information, and other account information.

PROBABLE CAUSE

23. In February of 2019, case agents initiated an investigation into a group of known and unknown drug traffickers operating in the Milwaukee area, known as the Buffum Meinecke Boys (“BMB”), including BRYANT, Ramone LOCKE, aka “Mone,” Amir LOCKE, aka “Big Mir,” Joey VAZQUEZ, aka “Joey,” Louis BATES, aka “Little Louis,” Michael SMITH, aka “M&M,” Garrell HUGHES, aka “Rello,” Jesus PUENTES, aka “JP,” Coury AGEE, aka “Lil C,”

Lamar JOHNSON, aka “Fresh,” Luis Lorenzo, aka “Pito,” Victor GONZALEZ, aka “Bey Bey,” and others. As part of the investigation, case agents have interviewed several confidential sources, conducted physical and electronic surveillance, utilized pen registers, reviewed historical phone toll records, subpoenaed and reviewed records, and conducted controlled purchases of cocaine, crack cocaine, and heroin. As a result of the intelligence provided by the confidential sources and the controlled purchases, along with information obtained from other law enforcement techniques, case agents have identified various members of the BMB and identified several sources of supply.

24. As part of that investigation, law enforcement executed a “controlled buy” of over fifty grams of cocaine from BRYANT on October 30, 2019. I know a “controlled buy” is a law enforcement operation in which an informant purchases drugs from a target. The operation is conducted using surveillance, usually audio and video taping equipment, and pre-recorded purchase money. When an informant is used, s/he is searched for contraband, weapons, and money before the operation. The informant is also wired with a concealed body recorder and/or a monitoring device. When the transaction is completed, the informant meets case agents at a pre-determined meet location and gives the purchased drugs and the recording/monitoring equipment to the case agents. The informant is again searched for contraband, weapons, and money and then interviewed by the case agents about the drug transaction. A sample of the suspected drugs is then field tested by the case agents for the presence of controlled substances and placed in inventory pursuant to normal inventory procedures. All of the calls to the target by the informants are consensually recorded calls under the direction and control of case agents and made in the presence of case agents. Additionally, case agents observe the informants dial the

target's number on each occasion and the contact is verified through telephone records. The controlled buy on October 30, 2019 from BRYANT comported with this practice.

25. BRYANT was indicted on February 18, 2020, in Case No. 20 CR 41, along with many other BMB members, for various controlled substance offenses, including the "controlled buy" described above. An arrest warrant was issued for BRYANT in relation to those charges, but he remains a fugitive from justice. The United States Marshals Service is leading the investigation in order to locate and arrest BRYANT.

26. To that end, on 07/30/2020 your affiant conducted an open search of social media website Facebook.com in an attempt to locate a Facebook page for Tyrone Bryant. Affiant located Facebook page "Tyrone T-y Bryant," USER ID 1019967543990, associated with the following URL: <https://www.facebook.com/tyronety.bryant>.

27. The affiant went to the Facebook page "Tyrone T-y Bryant" and located photos that resembled fugitive BRYANT. The affiant compared photos from arrest records with the male on Facebook page "Tyrone T-y Bryant" and it appears to be BRYANT. In addition, on the "Friends" section of Facebook page "Tyrone T-y Bryant," your affiant located Facebook profiles for BRYANT's family members to include his mother, Tawanda Chenise Bryant, DOB: 07/13/1974 and his sister Tyisha L. Bryant, DOB: 03/24/1993.

28. The affiant believes that information from this Facebook account will assist the United States Marshals Service in arresting BRYANT, who remains a fugitive from justice.

29. The affiant further believes that by obtaining information from BRYANT's Facebook account, including log-in information, photographs with EXIF data, check-ins, and communications with others, I may be able to use that information to locate BRYANT and effectuate his arrest. Based on my training and experience, I know that fugitives from justice

frequently use social media, including Facebook, to communicate with individuals who may be facilitating their flight. I further know that such information may also provide law enforcement with useful data regarding the drug trafficking crimes with which BRYANT is charged. Drug traffickers, including members of the BMB, frequently use social media, including Facebook, to communicate with both their “downstream” customers and their sources of supply.

INFORMATION TO BE SEARCHED AND THINGS TO BE SEIZED

30. I anticipate executing this warrant under the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, in particular 18 U.S.C. §§ 2703(a), 2703(b)(1)(A) and 2703(c)(1)(A), by using the warrant to require Facebook to disclose to the government copies of the records and other information (including the content of communications) particularly described in Section I of Attachment B. Upon receipt of the information described in Section I of Attachment B, government-authorized persons will review that information to locate the items described in Section II of Attachment B.

CONCLUSION

31. Based on the foregoing, I request that the Court issue the proposed search warrant.

32. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2703(g), the presence of a law enforcement officer is not required for the service or execution of this warrant. The government will execute this warrant by serving it on Facebook. Because the warrant will be served on Facebook, who will then compile the requested records at a time convenient to it, reasonable cause exists to permit the execution of the requested warrant at any time in the day or night.

33. This Court has jurisdiction to issue the requested warrant because it is “a court of competent jurisdiction” as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 2711. *See* 18 U.S.C. §§ 2703(a), (b)(1)(A) &

(c)(1)(A). Specifically, the Court is “a district court of the United States . . . that – has jurisdiction over the offense being investigated.” 18 U.S.C. § 2711(3)(A)(i).

34. I further request that the Court order that all papers in support of this application, including the affidavit and search warrant, be sealed for a period of thirty days. These documents discuss an ongoing criminal investigation and an at-large fugitive. Accordingly, there is good cause to seal these documents because their premature disclosure may seriously jeopardize that investigation and/or search.

ATTACHMENT A

Property to Be Searched

This warrant applies to information associated with the Facebook account “Tyrone T-y Bryant,” USER ID 1019967543990, that is stored at premises owned, maintained, controlled, or operated by Facebook Inc., a company headquartered in Menlo Park, California.

ATTACHMENT B

Particular Things to be Seized

I. Information to be disclosed by Facebook

To the extent that the information described in Attachment A is within the possession, custody, or control of Facebook Inc. (“Facebook”), regardless of whether such information is located within or outside of the United States, including any messages, records, files, logs, or information that have been deleted but are still available to Facebook, or have been preserved pursuant to a request made under 18 U.S.C. § 2703(f), Facebook is required to disclose the following information to the government for the USER ID listed in Attachment A:

- (a) All contact and personal identifying information, including: full name, user identification number, birth date, gender, contact e-mail addresses, physical address (including city, state, and zip code), telephone numbers, screen names, websites, and other personal identifiers.
- (b) All activity logs for the account and all other documents showing the user’s posts and other Facebook activities from October 30, 2019, to the present;
- (c) All “Stories” posted by the account from October 30, 2019, to the present;
- (d) All photos and videos uploaded by that user ID and all photos and videos uploaded by any user that have that user tagged in them from October 30, 2019, to the present, including Exchangeable Image File (“EXIF”) data and any other metadata associated with those photos and videos;
- (e) All profile information; News Feed information; status updates; videos, photographs, articles, and other items; Notes; Wall postings; friend lists, including the friends’ Facebook user identification numbers; groups and networks of which

the user is a member, including the groups' Facebook group identification numbers; future and past event postings; rejected "Friend" requests; comments; gifts; pokes; tags; and information about the user's access and use of Facebook applications;

- (f) All records or other information regarding the devices and internet browsers associated with, or used in connection with, that user ID, including the hardware model, operating system version, unique device identifiers, mobile network information, and user agent string;
- (g) All other records and contents of communications and messages made or received by the account from October 30, 2019, to the present, including all Messenger activity, private messages, chat history, video and voice calling history, and pending "Friend" requests;
- (h) All "check ins" and other location information;
- (i) All IP logs, including all records of the IP addresses that logged into the account;
- (j) All records of the account's usage of the "Like" feature, including all Facebook posts and all non-Facebook webpages and content that the user has "liked";
- (k) All information about the Facebook pages that the account is or was a "fan" of;
- (l) All past and present lists of friends created by the account;
- (m) All records of Facebook searches performed by the account from October 30, 2019, to the present;
- (n) All information about the user's access and use of Facebook Marketplace;
- (o) The types of service utilized by the user;

- (p) The length of service (including start date) and the means and source of any payments associated with the service (including any credit card or bank account number);
- (q) All privacy settings and other account settings, including privacy settings for individual Facebook posts and activities, and all records showing which Facebook users have been blocked by the account;
- (r) All records pertaining to communications between Facebook and any person regarding the user or the user's Facebook account, including contacts with support services and records of actions taken.

Facebook is hereby ordered to disclose the above information to the government within fourteen days of issuance of this warrant.

II. Information to be seized by the government

All information described above in Section I that constitutes fruits, evidence and instrumentalities of either (i) violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 841 and 846 involving Tyrone Bryant (dob 5/18/1991) (“BRYANT”) or (ii) BRYANT’s flight from justice, including, for each user ID identified on Attachment A, information pertaining to the following matters:

- (a) BRYANT’s location, for the period from February 25, 2020 to the present;
- (b) BRYANT’s drug trafficking activities;
- (c) Evidence indicating how and when the Facebook account was accessed or used, to determine the chronological and geographic context of account access, use, and events relating to the crime under investigation and to the Facebook account owner;
- (d) Evidence indicating the Facebook account owner’s state of mind as it relates to the crimes under investigation;
- (e) The identity of the person(s) who created or used the user ID, including records that help reveal the whereabouts of such person(s).

This warrant authorizes a review of electronically stored information, communications, other records and information disclosed pursuant to this warrant in order to locate evidence, fruits, and instrumentalities described in this warrant. The review of this electronic data may be conducted by any government personnel assisting in the investigation, who may include, in addition to law enforcement officers and agents, attorneys for the government, attorney support staff, and technical experts. Pursuant to this warrant, the FBI may deliver a complete copy of the disclosed electronic data to the custody and control of attorneys for the government and their support staff for their independent review.